

PINE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

7900 W. Second Street, Stanton, MI 48888

MINUTES

Minutes of April 13, 2026 Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Christensen, followed by roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Gary Christensen, Chair; Derek Buchholz, Vice Chair; Jamie Gorby, Secretary; Darcy Krause, Board Liaison; Chris Bell; Dan Main

Absent: Bob Andresen

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Buchholz, supported by Krause, to approve the agenda with correction from special meeting to quarterly meeting.

MOTION

PASSED

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 9, 2026 MINUTES

Buchholz moved, supported by Krause, to approve the minutes as written.

MOTION PASSED

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dawn Sweet feels current Pine Twp. blight ordinance is superior to the new County ordinance, but believes that the Sheriff would not enforce any blight ordinance that the Twp. might pass and that it might be a waste of time to invest further time on such ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Master Plan/McKenna – Existing Conditions Review & Survey Planning**

Ethan Senti of McKenna took input from PC members as to goals for updating the Master Plan, went over information pulled from the previous Master Plan to determine changes that have occurred, and presented potential survey questions to be sent to residents. The survey questions were discussed and revisions made.

Senti will bring the revised survey and distribution cost options to the July 13 PC meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- **County Junk Ordinance/Noise Ordinance**

Gorby noted that a Daily News article stated that the Pine Township Planning Commission decided against adopting the County blight ordinance; however, the PC has not made a decision. The township ordinance has been tabled and the PC has not seen the completed County ordinance.

Work on the ordinance remains tabled until the July meeting. PC seeks a copy of the officially adopted County ordinance for each member to read.

- **Blight Complaint Form Upload to Website**

Gorby provided a copy of the blight complaint form to each member.

Gorby moved, supported by Bell, to request that the website administrator upload the blight complaint form document to the Township website. MOTION PASSED

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dawn Sweet mentioned in-home businesses in the area and would like to see that protected in the Master Plan.

Rodney Palmer reported that the Hunter Lake dog situation has not improved. He has been to the house in attempt to resolve the situation and has twice filed a complaint through the Sheriff's Department. He also requested and was given two blight complaint forms to give to a neighbor who wishes to report two complaints.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Buchholz, supported by Krause, to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 PM. MOTION PASSED

The next quarterly meeting will be Monday, July 13, 2026 at 5:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by Jamie Gorby, Secretary

Minutes typed by Barbara Kaaikala, Recording Secretary